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ABSTRACT

Intended for teachers of kindergarten and first grade, this book offers hands-on activities that make phonics instruction easy and fun for teachers and children in the classroom. The book provides methods for practice, reinforcement, and assessment of phonics skills. A poem is used to intruduce the phonics element of this book, rhyming words. The poem is duplicated so children can work with it in a variety of ways, such as: personal response (read the poem aloud and ask children to tell stories about their baby brothers or sisters); echo reading (recite the poem, then have the children echo the words and rhythm); visual discrimination (write the poem on a chart and ask volunteers to circle the rhyming words) and innovation (revise the poem, write it on a chart and then recite it together). Titles of 13 rhyming word subjects include: "Roll-A-Rhyme" (rhyming words -ap, -en, -ink, -ug, -ip, -op); "Scat, Billy Bat!" (rhyming words -at). "Puppet Time" (Rhyming words -ad, -ell, -im, -ug, -ucky, -ed); "Hink Pinks" (rhyming words -ny, -in, -ooch, -oom). "The Family Letter" can be sent home to encourage families to reinforce what children are learning. Children will also enjoy sharing the "Take-Home Book." Word and Picture cards are drawn from the vocabulary presented in the book and other familiar daily vocabulary. The "Show What You Know" page provides children with targeted practice in standardaized test-taking skills, using the content presented in the book in the assessment items. (CR)

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